

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026



BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Mission Statement:

Established in the Spirit of Jesus Christ with an Afro-centric focus, Blessed Sacrament Chapel is committed to spreading the "Word" through fellowship and good works.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

Psalm:

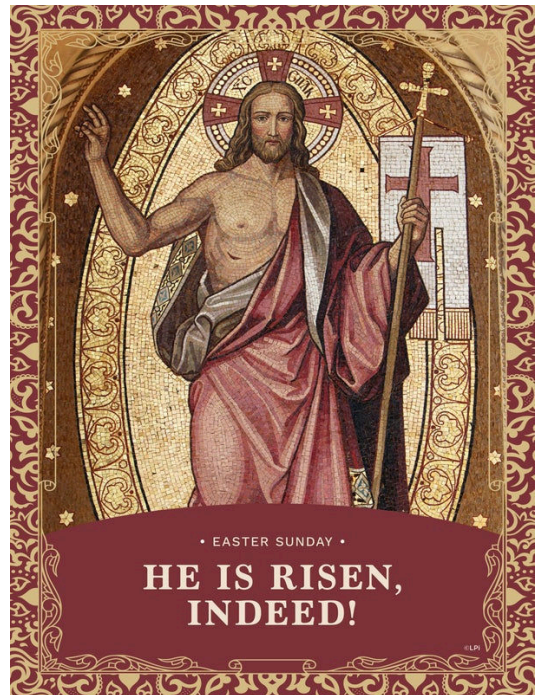
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)



Come to Christ

Life is perhaps God's greatest gift to each of us. Without life, we would be unable to experience all the wonder of this world, the love of family and friends, and the joy that comes from using our talents and skills. Life itself is more profound a gift than we can even truly contemplate.

On Easter, we celebrate life. For on this day, Jesus Christ conquered death and gave to us the chance for a life eternal. The wonder, love, and joy of this world does not have to end. Through a life in Jesus Christ, these emotions are heightened, and we find even greater fulfillment in this world.

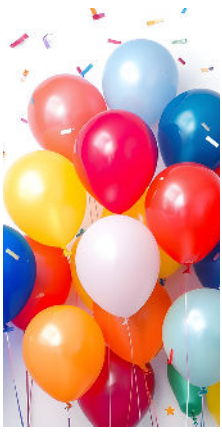
Maybe this Easter you are finding yourself open to taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus. This could be the moment you decide to follow Him more closely and take seriously all that he has given you. If so, welcome to the journey, where there are many other disciples on that same path who can help show you the way and share their stories. If not, hopefully it doesn't take a whole year for this possibility to be considered again. Jesus is alive and waiting to get closer to you. May this Easter season find you and Our Lord getting to know one another in a whole new way. Happy Easter!

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thank You Easter Flower Donations:

- **Cynthia Clark**--In memory of Chick, Betty Jo, and Holly Thompson
- **Ruth Coble**--In memory of Loved Ones
- **Steve & Rebecca Coble**--In memory of Loved Ones
- **Jean Higgs**--In memory of Rachel Hersey, Lucille Higgs.
In honor of Rita Moorman
- **Shelby Webster**--In memory of Jess Payne Family and George Webster Family





April Birthdays

6—Marshall Williams
13—Jerry Fuchs
21—Kathi Skidd
23—Misty Sanford
25—Charlene Meadows
26—Vivian Higgs
27—Ruth Coble
29—Jeffrey McCarter,
Katie Goins

Mass Intentions

April 5 - Sandra Brown

April 12 - Dan Halbig

April 19 - Larry Allen

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Phaedra Fuchs, Renee Perkins, Rita Moorman, Joanne Kendall, Rollie Pike, Larry Leachman, Dorothy Simmons, Steve Coble, Teresa Luebbert, Diane Selby, Kathi Skidd, Ray Higgs, Pam Wilson, Phil Armendarez, Cindy Heckmann, Judy Stinett, Shaun Winchell, China Dulin, Rachel Mattingly, Charlie Brown Sr, Steven Moorman, Philip Moorman, Jr., Ronnie Hollis, Chandra Hagan, Ruth Coble, Carol Hatchett, Jordan Gertisen, Shelby Webster, Gary Moorman. **If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.**

Let us remember to pray for those who are dying and those who have recently died.

Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

EASTER



Coming Events



April 5—No Religious Ed
(Easter) (Spring break)

April 12—No Religious Ed
(Spring break)

May 3—First Holy
Communion 10:00am



March 29--\$1,488.50
Budget--\$1,300
MTD Collection--\$7,730.50
MTD Budget--\$6,500
YTD Collection--\$77,369.46
YTD Budget--\$51,700.00

*May each give according to
what the Lord has blessed
us with.*

*Thanks to everyone who practices
stewardship on a regular basis. An
active parishioner attends Mass
regularly and practices stewardship
(time, talent, treasure).*

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Zander Price was the fastest kid at my grade school. He won every race on Field Day. To me, his swiftness meant he was the greatest. Zander was the best.

It's the same with the speediest Apostle on Easter morning. John tells us he "ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first." (John 20:4) But only after Peter entered did John go in, see the burial cloths, and believe. Here is a symbol of two dimensions of the Church. John, the beloved disciple, represents the contemplative, mystical life: affection, prayer, intimacy. Peter, the rock, represents the Church's institutional life: steady, authoritative, structured...but slower.

Of course, John runs faster! Love is the heartbeat of Christian faith, so love will always arrive first. Peter's role is, in a sense, secondary. He arrives later, but is still very much needed. John waits for him. The Church must be built, balanced, protected, and led. Love without structure can vanish; structure without love becomes lifeless.

This dynamic is not just historical — it is personal. In you, there is a John who longs to run to the tomb in love. Let him run! Pray, sing, love Jesus. There is also a Peter, who eventually gets to the tomb and takes charge. The Risen Christ wants both. Remember: if you want to get to the mystery of Jesus' resurrection fast...love him, for love is best.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Observances for the Week

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

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ecumenical
Taizé
prayer

For protection and healing for victims of sexual abuse

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | 6 PM
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Taizé prayer (pronounced "tay-zay") is a form of prayer developed since World War II in an ecumenical Christian community in France. The service is musical, simple, rich and meditative. During Child Abuse Awareness Month, we specially hold in our hearts all victims of sexual abuse. We take his time to present to Christ the scars and wounds of abuse and know that Christ bears them within his own wounds and his own suffering. We hope the prayers we offer and the songs we sing may strengthen us to work for an end to abuse in our churches and in our world.

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BLESSED MOTHER CHURCH
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE
SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 2:00 PM
SPEAKER: FR. JAMIE DENNIS
CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 1:00 PM
AND CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE

Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave! Our Lord is victorious! Alleluia, alleluia!

May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!

Amen.

While It Is Still Dark

If you are a person who is religious in any way, chances are that at some point, someone has asked you to give a reason why.

I meet lots of people who identify as spiritual but not religious, lots of people who are more comfortable splashing in the shallow end of belief but hesitating to wade into the more uncertain depths of doctrine. So when they ask the question “Why do you believe what you believe?” it usually comes out as “Why do you go to church?”

They want to know why I come to this specific place at this specific time. What am I expecting to happen?

We read that Mary Magdalene went to the tomb “while it was still dark.” I imagine she could not sleep. She was traumatized. Grieving. Confused. Angry, perhaps. Doubting? Maybe. It’s possible. We cannot know what was in her heart.

We only know what she did. We only know where she went. And we know that it was dark, that the light of Easter’s dawn had not yet pierced the sky.

Often, I am grieving when I go to church, or angry, or confused, or all three. I have gone many times with a doubting and resentful heart.

Because, you see, it is still dark. The dawn of eternity, which will illuminate all understanding, has not yet even begun to creep across my horizon.

My answer to the question, when I am asked, is that I go to church — to Catholic Mass, specifically — for the same reason Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. I go because it is the last place I saw Christ, and I am desperate to see him again.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Ministry Schedule

	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Collection & Gifts
April 5	Barb Bisel Sr. Monica Seaton	Greg Gough Janet Clark Cindy Clark	Wonet Taylor Barbara Hammond
April 12	Jacques Williams Layson Brooks	Misty Sanford Denise & Greg Richardson	Burnell Hamilton Steve Coble

Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

With great joy, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, the triumph of light over darkness, and life over death. May we be reminded of the Easter promise that no matter how heavy the crosses we carry, hope is never lost. The empty tomb proclaims that God's love is stronger than sin and even death itself.

During the Lenten season, we journeyed together in prayer, sacrifice, and reflection. Now, we embrace the fullness of Easter joy, to be witnesses of the Resurrection in our daily lives. This means extending mercy to others, offering kindness where it is needed, and carrying the light of Christ into our homes, workplaces, and community.

As a parish community, I am deeply grateful for your faith, your generosity, and your commitment to one another. It is a beautiful sign of God's presence among us. Thank you to everyone who contributed the sacredness and beauty of Holy Week.

May the peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes this Easter season. May we continue with renewed faith, confident in the promise that Christ walks with us always.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter!

In Christ,

Sister Monica





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